

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1 after line 5, insert the following:

--This Application is a Divisional Application of U.S. Patent No.
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Page 23, after line 9, insert the following paragraph:

--The NC Management apparatus 6 generates, for each piece of production equipment, data that is required to perform production according to the production schedule, obtains, for each piece of the production equipment, differences between current NC data that has been acquired the most recently and the generated data, and outputs the obtained differences.--